

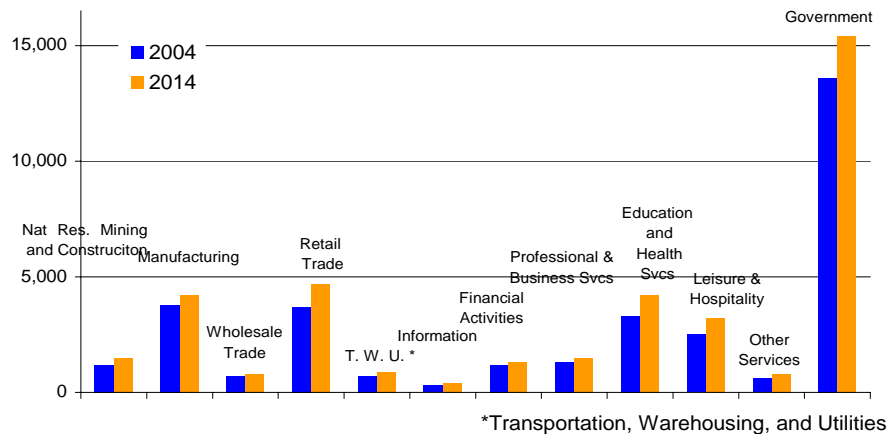
Kings County Projection Highlights

Industry

Total employment for Kings County, which now includes Self-Employment, Unpaid Family Workers and Farm and Nonfarm employment, is expected to reach 50,500 by 2014 an annual growth rate of just over 1.6 percent. This growth rate is just about the same as growth rate for the State as whole during the same time period.

Nonfarm employment, the major component of the total jobs tally is expected to increase by about 1.8 percent year. Although all industry sectors are expected to increase the largest gains will occur in the Government Sector, primarily Local Government. Significant gains are also expected in the Retail Trade, Education and Health Services and Leisure and Hospitality industry sectors.

The graph below displays estimated 2004 and forecasted 2014 employment levels for the major industry sectors in the county.



The Information and Other Services sectors are expected to be the fastest growing, based on an annual average gains of about 3.3 percent each. Annual average growth rates in Transportation Warehousing and Utilities (2.9%), Leisure and Hospitality (2.8%) and Education and Health Services (2.7%) will exceed the annual growth rate for all Nonfarm employment estimated at about 1.8 percent for the County.

Occupations

Occupational projections (numbers include self-employed, unpaid family workers and farm employment) for the period 2004 to 2014 forecast:

- 7,100 new jobs from industry growth,
- Over 10,400 job openings from Net Replacements,
- A combined total of just over 17,500 job openings.

The top 50 occupations with the most job openings will generate just over 62 percent of all job openings during this period. These occupations are expected to generate just over 10,900 total job openings. The majority (88.7 percent) of the occupations are typically lower paying, entry-level occupations such as Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse, Retail Salespersons, and Cashiers that require a years experience or less. Higher-skilled and higher paying occupations such as Elementary and Middle School Teachers, Registered Nurses, General and Operations Managers, are on the top 50 list. These higher paying jobs require an AA degree or better.

The 50 fastest growing occupations are all expected to grow at an annual rate of 1.9 percent or more. Occupations requiring 1-12 months on-the-job training or less make-up 34 of the 50 listed occupations, but 70 percent of the 2014 fastest jobs listed. The higher paying jobs are found in the other 16 occupations which require an AA or better but only makeup 30 percent of the 2014 fastest job openings. Most of these jobs are found in the teaching fields.

